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The composition of the sample households by sex, age, age at marriage, and number of tenants was tabulated. Chapter five has additional material on nationality and citizenship. Generally there are separate tabulations for the head of household and children; grandchildren, parents, siblings, other family members and servants. The material thus usually covers three generations.

Plural Marriage

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It is particularly interesting that in only two of our sample households were there plural marriages. In one case the man had two wives, and in the other, three. The economics of subsistence militates against plural marriages.

Sex of Members of the Household

3.21 Head of household. Table 5

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The head of the household was defined by the respondents themselves. In nine-tenths of the cases these were male.

3.22 Children of head of household. Table 6

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Fifty-five percent of the children were male. The sex ratio of the first seven children and of the eighth through twelfth children, grouped, are shown in the table. It would appear that there is a significant difference in the incidence of children remaining in the household by sex.

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It is possible that there is a survival differential in favor of male children, but on the other hand, there is also a greater tendency for male children to remain in the household.

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